

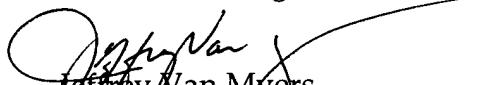
Remarks

Claims 1-15 and 17-35 are pending in the present application for patent. In the Office Action: claims 1-15 and 19-35 were allowed; and claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the Examiner has pointed out that, in cancelling claim 16 in their Amendment of 5 August 2002, Applicants failed to properly amend claims 17 and 18 so that each depends on claim 14. In response, Applicants have amended claims 17 and 18 so as to make both depend on claim 14.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments proposed hereinabove, and submit that claims 1-15 and 17-35, as may be amended herein, are allowable. In the belief that we have responded to each and every rejection contained in the Office Action of 5 April 2005, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-15 and 17-35.

Respectfully submitted,

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